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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKEND PRESS

1. JULY 29 REFERENDUM: ALL WEEKEND PAPERS DOMINATED BY JUNE 15 ANNOUNCEMENT ON TERMS OF FORTHCOMING REFERENDUM. CONFISCATION OF ROYAL PROPERTIES GIVEN SECONDARY POSITION FOLLOWING DETAILS OF REFERENDUM. ARTICLES BASED ON ATHENS RELEASE AND THERE LITTLE DISCREPANCY IN TREATMENT BY PAPERS HERE. HEADLINES LARGELY FUCTUAL AND ONLY OBLIQUE COMMENTARY APPEARS IN JUNE 17 CARTOON IN "MAKEDONIA" DEPICTING TYPICAL GREEK WITH FOOT IN CAST STAGGERING UNDER WEIGHT OF BALLOT BOX.

2. SPECULATION ON POLITICAL PARTIES: "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF JUNE 17 CARRIES REPORT FROM ATHENS CORRESPONDENT THAT FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING REFERENDUM. ACCORDING TO REPORT, NOT CARRIED BY OTHER PAPERS, MAJOR CONTENDERS WILL BE EPOK AND GREEK CLUB ("ELLINIKI LESHI") WHICH LIKELY TO BE REORGANIZED UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES. IN ADDITION, IT "CERTAIN" THAT FORMER PROGRESSIVE PARTY
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LEADER SPIROS MARKEZINIS WILL FORM OWN PARTY TO APPEAL TO "MASSES THAT SUPPORT POLITICAL CHANGES, BUT DISAGREE WITH STRUCTURE AND POLICY OF REVOLUTION". SON, VASILEOS, LIKELY TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN PARTY. IT ALSO "QUITE POSSIBLE" THAT FORMER POLITICIANS UNDER LEADERSHIP OF EX- PRIME MINISTER KANELLOPOULOS MAY SUPPORT A PARTY "WITHOUT THEIR PERSONAL PARTICIPATION", BUT AS VEHICLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. FINALLY, FORMER COLONEL STAMATELOPOULOS MAY FORM NEW PARTY WITH "NUCLEUS OF DISSATISFIED LEADERS OF "REVOLUTION". ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT FINAL DECISION ON ALL PARTIES MUST BE MADE BY NEWLY- ESTABLISHED CONSTITUTIONAL COURT.

3. ROGERS STATEMENT ON GREECE: ALL PAPERS OF JUNE 16 GIVE FULL COVERAGE TO JUNE 15 REMARKS ON GREECE BY SECRETARY ROGERS. "MAKEDONIA" HEADLINES REPORT THAT ROGERS BELIEVE THAT "STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF GREECE OUTWEIGHS PREAMBLE IN NATO PACT". TEXT POINTS OUT THAT PREAMBLE REQUIRES MEMBERS TO DEFEND "INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY" OF OTHER MEMBER STATES.

4. PATTAKOS VISIT: ALL PAPERS OF JUNE 17 REPORT VISIT PREVIOUS DAY BY VICE PRESIDENT PATTAKOS TO KOZANI, FLORINA, AND KASTORIA. IN LATTER TOWN, PATTAKOS CLAIMED HE BEGINNING SECOND SIX- MONTH CYCLE OF SCHEDULED VISITS TO OUTLYING CITIES. HE ADDED THAT GOVERNMENT HAS "NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER" THAT PEOPLE WILL APPROVE NEW CONSTITUTION "BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY". IN KOZANI, HE STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE "NO PERSONAL STRAIN" TO HIM IN "OFFERING FURTHER SERVICES AND CONTINUING WORK OF REVOLUTION". PATTAKOS DISMISSED PRESS REPORTS OF HIS RETIREMENT AS "MALICIOUS AND EXAGGERATED" AND PROMISED TO REVISIT NORTHERN GREECE DURING COMING SIX MONTHS. HE CONCLUDED THAT, FROM THE RECEPTION HE RECEIVED HERE, HE PERSONALLY CONVINCED THAT PEOPLE HAVE "ALREADY VOTED YES TO NEW DEMOCRACY".

5. EPOK MEETING: "VORRAS" 9 OF JUNE 17 ANNOUNCED THAT EPOK MEETING BE HELD HERE JUNE 21. MEETING WILL BE ATTENDED BY MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS
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OF LOCAL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES AND WILL COVER AIMS OF EPOK, ITS POSITION ON REFERENDUM, AND PLANS FOR "FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN POLITICAL FIELD".

6. PRESS RIVALRIES: IN ACERBIC ARTICLE OF JUNE 17 CHIEF EDITOR ELIAS KYROU OF "VORRAS" CHIDES RIVAL PAPERS FOR FAILURE TO EDITORIALIZE ON CURRENT

DEVELOPMENTS. LOCAL PAPERS " HAVE NO VOICE" AND CARRY
" ONLY FOREIGN NEWS SUCH AS INFORMATION FROM MADRAS
THAT LAMB GAVE BIRTH TO QUITU PLATS". COMMENT:
KYROU BARBS OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT " MAKEDONIA" PUBLISHER
IOANNIS VELLIDES FOR CLAIMING TO BE OPPOSITION PAPER
WHILE NOT TAKING CLEAR CUT LINES SUCH AS " TO VIMA".

7. SCHEEL VISIT: KYROU ALSO PUBLISHED LEAD EDITORIAL
IN SAME ISSUE STRONGLY CRITICIZING CHANCELLOR BRANDT
FOR CANCELLING VISIT OF FORMIN SCHEEL TO GREECE WHILE
ALLOWING HIM TO VISIT TURKEY. KYROU REVERTS TO STANDARD
THEME THAT, WHILE TURKEY CONSIDERED A DEMOCRACY, GREEK
REGIME IS MORE " LIBERAL" AND HAS CARRIED OUT NO
EXECUTIONS AS IN TURKEY. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH BROAD-
SIDE THAT GERMANY HAS FOLLOWED " PRO- TURKISH POLICY SINCE
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